

TOWN OF AMENIA
Town Board Meeting
Thursday, October 24, 2013
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Flood moved to call the meeting to order, seconded by C/Rierner at 7:00pm; there was a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Councilwoman Darlene Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Victoria Perotti	Aye
Supervisor William Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Gretchen Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Vicki Doyle	Aye

Also present:

Dawn Marie Klingner, Town Clerk
Ian Donald Esq. Town Attorney

Public Comments

Cheryl Morse asked who maintains the escrow accounts, she has FOILED for the information three times and the most recent response from the bookkeeper was that the town is not in possession of the information.

Tom Werner asked the board if they were making tax changes for Silo. S/Flood acknowledged the question and this matter will be addressed later in the meeting.

Evelyn O'Connell informed the board that Linda Gregory has found someone to teach a fitness class for seniors. If you are interested in signing up please contact Ms. O'Connell or Ms. Gregory.

Discussions:

Halloween Curfew

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Rierner

Motion to set the Halloween Curfew to 8pm

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried.

Proposed Zoning Amendments

Attorney MacDonald has received a list of proposed changes from Planning Board Chair Nina Peek. These needs to be further looked at and ensure that they coincide with the master plan.

The SPO needs to be amended to include the Ridgecrest project. S/Flood will speak with Nina to schedule a meeting. C/Rierner will speak to Dutchess County to get information on obtaining new updated maps.

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Snow Removal Bid

The clerk received one bid. The supervisor opened and read aloud the proposal and the enclosures.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to accept the bid from Northeast Landscaping for snow removal from November 1, 2013 through April 1, 2014 in the amount of \$14,896

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried.

Floor Repair Bid

The Clerk received on bid. Supervisor read aloud the proposal.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to accept the bid from John J. Contracting for the floor sanding in the amount of \$7,396.84 for the four upstairs rooms

A discussion was had regarding the work performed and ensure that the work will done under the prevailing wage standards

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Preliminary Budget

The public hearing date was set for November 14th at 7pm.

Vacant recreation commission position and expiring seats for Ethics Committee, Planning Board and ZBA

The clerk will advertise via a press release that the is an open position on the recreation commission for an unexpired term to end March 2018 and for one full term seat for the Ethics Committee, Planning Board and ZBA with positions beginning January 2014.

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Willow Lane Update

Although the contract is still not signed the attorney will find out if the property owner will accept the payment and to have the trees planted next year. Once the documents are submitted to the County for payment the town will then pay Gleason.

Proposed Local Law Amendment - Town's Outdoor Wood Boiler Law

The board discussed briefly the new proposed law. The matter will be placed on the next agenda for action to set a public hearing date.

**Tax Certiorari Cases: Higher Ground Country Club vs Town of Amenia
Siland Commercial vs Town of Amenia**

Supervisor Flood read aloud resolution #70 and resolution #71

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Riemer

Motion to accept Resolution #70- Authorizing Settlement of Siland Commercial LLC

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Riemer

Motion to accept Resolution #71- Authorizing Settlement of Higher Ground Country Club

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

Other Matters

**Resolutions: AT&T Amendment to Cell Tower Agreement
Transfer of Funds**

Supervisor Flood read aloud the following resolutions

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S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to accept Resolution #72- Authorizing 2nd Amendment to the Tower- Cingular Wireless and land space

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

C/Perotti motioned, seconded by C/Riemer

Motion to accept Resolution #73- Transfer of Funds

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Riemer

Motion to accept Resolution #74 Credit Card Policy

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

Supervisor Flood announced that the town board is accepting suggestions for Citizen of the Year for Amenia and Wassaic.

Due to the upcoming holidays the second meeting of the month will now be November 21st and December 19th.

Supervisor Flood read aloud a letter from John Fenton Code Enforcement Officer providing and update on the Bill Henry/ Unsafe Building and illegal usage of structure and property.

Supervisor Flood read aloud a letter from John Fenton Code Enforcement Officer requesting the town clerk to advertise for bids for lawn mowing and weed removal at 4813 Route 22. S/Flood will speak to the property owner.

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Boiler Bids

Two bids were received for the boiler maintenance. John Scott in the amount of \$1,300 and from Ashley Mechanical in the amount of \$3200/

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Perotti

Motion to accept the bid from John Scott in the amount of \$1,300

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

Supervisor Flood read aloud from John Fenton regarding Bea Boyd's unpaid attorney bill. Ms. Boyd was present and addressed the board. She felt that this matter would best be discussed in private and requested to meet with the board members.

S/Flood presented the retainer agreement from Dave Everett, Planning Board attorney.
C/Hitselberger requested additional time to review.

Supervisor Flood announced the payment of vouchers. C/Riemer addressed that with the new voucher review process she now has the opportunity to review all the vouchers not just the departments that she was assigned to. C/Perotti points out that this change was by the recommendation of the NYS Comptroller's Office.

C/Perotti motioned, seconded by C/Doyle

Motion to pay claims in the amount of \$438,137.63

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

The Thomas Young Property is almost done. CT MALE has done good job. The Town of Sharon will be responsible for the maintenance for the next thirty years.

S/Flood announced the upcoming events

Woods of Terror, a Halloween event by the local 4H will be held on October 25th and 26th, parking at the Amenia Fire House where food will be made available for purchase.

The Amenia Recreation Cheerleading will be having a Winter Carnival on November 15th at the Town hall.

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Board announcements:

C/Hitselberger handed out to the board this month's updated report for the purchase orders requested. (The clerk was not issued a copy). She reported that the cost of the sharrowes was \$320 (not the \$500 originally estimated) This will come out of contingency and not a highway line. C/Hitselberger also addressed her concern that the water billing was sent out with a \$500 charge on the bills where meters were not operating correctly. It was understood that this would not be happening and that the water committee should take off the charges. C/Hitselberger gave her PSA announcement: Reminding everyone to vote on November 4th- Election Day.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Rierner

Motion to accept Gretchen Hitselberger's time records for April, May and June of 2013 for New York State Retirement

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

C/Doyle discussed the idea of placing text on the maps for all active mining permits because currently the zoning does not reference the active mining permits although DEC has records of the permits. Attorney MacDonald will look into the enlarging of the SMO to include the parcel that Mr. Hollbach is reclaiming on Leedsville.

The dance program is going well and there will be an addition of a teen class being offered this year.

S/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Rierner

Motion to increase the dance instructors pay to \$4,000 and the assistance dance instructor to \$1,000 for the four classes

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

C/Rierner announced the Annual Turkey Dinner at the Smithfield Church on November 2nd

C/Perotti announced that she received a bill from Flood Sanitation in the past due amount of \$2,826.32 for a break in the line at the Cozy Corner from 10/2/12.

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C/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Rierner

Motion to authorize the payment to be made by the bookkeeper to pay the outstanding bill in the amount of \$2,826.32

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Abstain
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

C/Doyle announced that the talent show will be held on November 10th in the gym. Proceeds will go towards the Griddley Chapel roof

S/Flood announced the new benches and trees are complete and the post office has been painted. The Patel building and Library sign are coming along. Mr. Peter Karis, the hired landscape architect for the Main Street Grant has done a wonderful job!

Ian Hollback has Indian Artifact collection and would like to display some of the items at the town hall in a secure location. The collection will then be going the NYS Museum.

Veterans Day Service will be held at Fountain Square on Monday, November 11th at 11am.

S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to enter into executive session

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

The Clerk was excused and Councilwoman Doyle provided the following minutes.

C/Doyle motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to exit out of executive session

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilwoman Rierner	Aye
Councilwoman Hitselberger	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye

Motion carried

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S/Flood motioned, seconded by C/Hitselberger

Motion to adjourn at 9:30pm

The motion was duly put to a vote which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Flood Aye

Councilwoman Perotti Aye

Councilwoman Riemer Aye

Councilwoman Hitselberger Aye

Councilwoman Doyle Aye

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted:


Dawn Marie Klingner
Town Clerk

The foregoing represents unapproved minutes of the Town of Amenia Town Board from a meeting held on October 24, 2013 and are not to be construed as the final official minutes until so approved.

11-21-13 Approved as read on

_____ Approved with: deletions, corrections, and additions